

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Claims 4 through 14 are pending in the present application. Claims 4 through 9 have been amended to reflect their new claim dependency. Claims 1 through 3 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicants sincerely appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 2 through 5 and 10 through 12.

New claim 13 includes the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled.

New claim 14 includes the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Accordingly, claim 3 has also been canceled.

By combining the allowable subject matter from claims 2 and 3 with claim 1, to make new claims 13 and 14, respectively, the rejections in view of prior art are rendered moot.

New claims 13 and 14 have been appropriately amended to correct the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection indicated in the Office Action.


Claims 4 through 9 have been amended to reflect their new claim dependency. Claim 5 has been further amended to for purposes of clarification. Support for this amendment can be found on page 7 at line 9.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims presented in the application patently distinguish over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed on to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date

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